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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Anadred Sp Contered Sp 3 (9/04 Action.